

FMIS Product Planning Group

Date of meeting: 3 February 2010

Members

Name	Title	Location
Sam Costanzo (Deputy Chair)	Chief Financial Officer	Northern Health
Shaun Elridge	Director, Finance & Corporate Services	Goulburn Valley Health
Andrew Collins	Chief Financial Officer	Bendigo Health Care Group
Andrew Kinnersly	Chief Financial Officer	North & West Metro Region
Basil Ireland	Financial Director	Southern Health
Colin Holland	Chief Financial Officer	Melbourne Health
David Anderson	Executive Director	Peninsula Health Care Network
Mark Knights	Director of Corporate Services	Wimmera Health Care Group
Bill Shanahan	Finance Controller	Royal Women's Hospital
Patrick Turnbull	Deputy Chief Executive	Western District Health Service
Zak Gruevski	Chief Financial Officer	Royal Women's Hospital
Peter Hutchinson	Chief Financial Officer	Eastern Health
Geoff Bond	Director Corporate Services	Bass Coast Regional Health

Meeting summary:

- An update on Rural and Regional Alliance implementations was provided. Hume Rural Health Alliance went live with the finance modules end of last year. Benalla went live with the supply module on 1 February 2010. Goulburn Valley Health and Wangaratta are finalising testing and transiting to the supply modules. South Western Alliance of Rural Health (SWARH) is scheduled to go live 1 March 2010 and is on track with user acceptance testing, expected to be completed by 5 February 2010. Grampians Rural Health Alliance acceptance certificate has been signed and the go live date of 1 July 2010 is confirmed.
- An email from the OCIO Chief Operating Officer detailing the recharge costs per agency for the approved CEMLI's was tabled. Members requested further clarification of the formula used to determine funding allocation.
- The Group was advised that all agencies have agreed in principle to funding the FMIS change requests and it was suggested funding be split equally over this financial year and next.
- The quarterly release program notification is now being distributed to the PPG members. The releases are deployed within planned maintenance windows and account for any financially sensitive periods.
- Members were advised of the HealthSMART initiative to replace FMIS hardware, part of a five year maintenance program. The existing FMIS hardware will be upgraded in preparation for the next five years. Part of this technical refresh is analysing the issues related to performance, implementing high availability and storage capacity for historical data.
- The Group was advised that the chairs of the Accounting User Group and the Supply User Group commenced last year. Both chairs have assessed the membership and attendance of the groups since nomination, and their recommendations were provided as part of the meeting papers.